

State Health Plan Prescription Drug Program update for 2004

New copayments

Effective January 1, 2004, prescription drug copayments will be as follows:

	Pick-up (up to 31-day supply)	Home delivery (up to 90-day supply)
Generic	\$10	\$23
Preferred (Approved)	\$25	\$56
Non-Preferred (Non-Formulary)	\$40	\$90

New preferred drug list





A new prescription drug *formulary* (a preferred drug list) will also go into effect January 1. Called Rx Selections™, it will replace the existing preferred drug list used by the State Health Plan.

A preferred drug list includes carefully selected medications that can assist in maintaining quality care while providing opportunities for cost-savings to you and your health plan. You pay a lower copayment for brand-name medications included on the list as opposed to those that are not included. Generic drugs, whether or not they are on the preferred list, are always offered at the lowest copayment level.

Is my prescription on the new Rx Selections™ list?

It's easy to check! To find out whether a drug is included, you may access the list on the Medco Health Web site at <http://mmmc.formularies.com/default.asp?formid=00034&prefaltid=00027>. But, before you click, read on.

You will be prompted to search for a drug alphabetically, by name or by chapter (treatment category). Note you will see certain symbols relating to the various drugs resulting from your search:

Generic Only (\$10 copayment) 	This symbol means <i>only</i> the generic drug is on the preferred list. The corresponding brand-name drug is not and is listed for reference only. <i>Your copayment is always lowest for generic drugs. If you choose a brand-name drug over a generic, you will pay more.*</i>
Approved (\$25 copayment) 	This symbol means the drug is a brand-name drug that is on the preferred list. Your brand copayment will be lower for approved drugs than for non-formulary drugs (see below).*
Generic Available 	This symbol may appear next to an <i>approved</i> (preferred) drug and means there is also a generic drug <i>available</i> . You will pay less for the generic alternative.*
Non Formulary (\$40 copayment) 	This symbol means the drug is <i>not</i> on the preferred drug list, but you can click to find an alternative (either approved or generic). <i>For all drugs with this symbol, there is a preferred and/or generic drug available.*</i>

***Always remember: If you choose a brand-name drug—whether it's approved or non formulary—when a generic drug is available, you will pay more.**

New pharmacy network

In 2004 the State Health Plan will participate in Medco Health's retail pharmacy network, called *Select Network*. Most of the major pharmacy chains and independent pharmacies participate in the Select Network. Beginning January 1, you must use a participating pharmacy that is in this network. A list of network pharmacies will be available online soon. Stay tuned for information on how to access this list.